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In response to patent application of:)
Geoffrey W. ABBOTT et al.)
Serial No.: 09/550,163) Group Art Unit: 1633
Filed: 14 April 2000) Examiner: B. Whiteman
For: Mink-RELATED GENES, FORMATION)
OF POTASSIUM CHANNELS AND)
ASSOCIATION WITH CARDIAC)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action in the form of a Restriction/Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-9 and 24-30) as drawn to a nucleic acid encoding the protein of SEQ ID NO:2 or its complement. Although Applicants do not agree with all of the groupings set forth in the Office Action, Applicants do not traverse the requirement splitting Group I from the remaining groups of claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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